

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Since the original Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Act in the early 1970s, the Idaho Legislature has recognized the importance of reasonable regulation of the EMS system in Idaho. This regulation largely takes the form of licensing the individual personnel who care for patients in ambulances and other emergency settings through a process similar to other health care professions and licensing the entities that operate local EMS agencies. This legislation refines content in the current EMS code to include contemporary terms. Currently, all language about investigations and discipline is in rule and is outdated. The legislation also introduces provisions clarifying the EMS bureau's authority to investigate and act against those licenses when violations of laws or rules occur, thereby protecting the public.

FISCAL NOTE

No impact to the General Fund. No new activity will be undertaken as a result of passage of this legislation.

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